

USE OF CACTI TO SAVE STOCK IN DROUTH TIMES

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—After all that has been written concerning spineless cactus as a forage plant, it would seem somewhat superfluous to call the attention of stockmen to the value of the cacti upon their ranges at this season of the year. But the mental step between spiny cacti and spineless ones seems to be a long one and one that few take readily.

In bulletin No. 74, bureau of plant industry ("The Prickly Pear and Other Cacti as a Food for Stock" Dr. David Griffiths, U. S. department of agriculture, Washington, D. C.), commencing on page 43, there is a long list of succinct statements relative to the possible uses of cacti, from which I quote the first, because of its present importance. "Prickly pear although poor in nutritive quality, can be fed to decided advantage under several conditions and for several purposes: (1) To save cattle during prolonged drought when other more nutritious food is scarce."

Now this statement applies to any kind of cactus that is big enough to furnish any quantity of forage, being especially true of the prickly pears and cane cacti. The truth of this statement is vouched for by many who have tried it.

This is by no means the only use for cacti, but at this season of the year, when all feed is dry and there is very little of it, when the water supply is poorest and stock, especially cattle on the range, are dying in large numbers, it would seem to be a most important one.

This article is written to call the attention of those stockmen who have already availed themselves of the supply, and more especially those who are losing stock, to the fact that they probably have upon their ranges a forage which may be available to their stock by a little work.

Spineless cacti will not grow in the open range of New Mexico. In fact their thorns and spines together are one of the characters that make it possible for cacti of any kind to live on the open ranges. And even this defensive armor is insufficient to protect them from a number of enemies. But the thorns do protect them from stock, and before they can be made into stock feed the spines must be destroyed.

Fortunately the spines burn readily, hence it is possible to singe them off without affecting the stems and so come at the forage.

Two ways of burning the spines have been shown to be practicable. One is to cut the stalks with a ma-

chete or sharp scode and hold them in the blaze of a brush fire with a pitchfork. The other is to singe them on the plants as they stand with a gasoline torch made especially for the work. This torch is made on the principle of an ordinary plumber's torch with a rather long pipe for the reservoir, and one that can be turned in different directions. Gasoline is a fuel and is used under pressure and mixed with air, so it is very essential that all the joints be gas tight and be kept free of gasoline; otherwise serious explosions may occur.

The torch method is much more rapid and less laborious. Experience has shown that it is well to have a good pressure in the tank and avoid using the torch in the wind as much as possible, since this materially increases the amount of singeing.

The specially prepared burners, called "pear burners," may be had through one's local hardware dealer or other supply house, and cost about eighteen dollars (\$18). Estimates as to the expense of saving stock by this method are dependent upon the abundance of native cacti upon the range, the method of singeing employed, the cost of labor, (the price of gasoline and the first cost of the outfit, if the torch be used), all of which items of expense vary with the locality.

Considering the fact that we have a period of shortage of feed and water each year in the spring and early summer, and periodic recurrences of years that are drier than usual at that time, it would seem but a sensible thing, for stockmen to encourage the growth of cacti upon those parts of their ranges where grass and better forage do not grow well; this to be done with the idea of preparing for the "lean year."

The easy way of planting cacti is to scatter the separate joints over the ground. They will take root without covering. The work may be done at any season of the year, though a larger per cent of the joints will root during the rainy season. This statement applies to the lower and hotter southern end of the territory.

ABSORBLETS

Tommy—Pop, what is a skeptic?
Tommy's Pop—A skeptic, my son, is a person who doubts anything you are sure of.—Philadelphia Record.

I got my last year's straw hat out With fondest hopes, 'tis true;
But in my soul there is a doubt, 'Tis not as good as new.
—Detroit Free Press.

Violet—So your uncle was 90 years old at the time of his death. Was he of sound mind when he died?
Jack—I really can't say. The will has not been opened yet.—Ex.

"Your fare, miss," said the polite conductor in a low tone.
"Well," replied the maiden, "if I am, you needn't be so quiet about it. It's no dark secret."—Baltimore American.

They were looking at a portrait of Catherine of Russia.
Said the man, "What a remarkably strong and vigorous face she has!"
Said the woman, "I wonder if her hair waved naturally."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Maggie, run for the phone and call the doctor!"
"Yessum; what for?"
"My husband looks awful!"
"Oh, know it, mum; but they don't be amputatin' faces these days do they?"—Houston Post.

First Straphanger (in a whisper)—Why did you give that woman your seat? She isn't bundle laden, tired or pretty, or even polite.
Second Straphanger—Well—er—you see—she's my wife.—Harvard Lampoon.

Daughter—Pa, why do you hang around the parlor while Mr. Sikes is calling on me?
Father—I'm afraid you'll say something to him that will make him a burden on me for the rest of my life.—Town and Country.

"Would you mind telling me," asked Mrs. Bourdette, glancingly admiringly at the athletic shoulders of the prospective boarder, "how you keep in such splendid physical condition?"
"I go through a few gymnastic

exercises every morning," confessed the young man, flushing.
"Well, I'm sorry, but we can't board you. I've had the bathroom monopolized that way before."—Kansas City Times.

"So your marriage was a failure," said the sympathetic friend.
"Worse than that," answered the man who was writing a check for all money; "it was bankruptcy."—Washington Star.

Rich Uncle—You might as well stop moaning about Miss Beauty. She hasn't been in love with you after all. She's been after the money she thought you would inherit from me.
Nephew—Impossible. Why do you think so?
Rich Uncle—I have proposed to her myself and have been accepted.—Tit-Bits.

Men laugh at the gowns,
At the peachbasket hat;
Also her
At the queer
Jigger known as rat.

But when he goes out
With his wife in a crowd,
Of her rig,
Trim and trig
Hubby feels pretty proud.
—Kansas City Journal.

Far, far from home, two in a car—
A punctured tire—and there you are!
One is a maid, and that doth bar
His use of words that cut and jar.

Fierce thoughts burn like a hidden fire,
But nobly he contains his ire.
For, loosed, 'twould work results most dire;
So, wreathed in smiles, he mends the tire.

Oh, motor maid, so trim and neat!
Thou muffler to remarks unmeet!
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—Judge.

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Each company will be permitted to send a few of their best shots to Las Vegas for the preliminary practice and try-out. After a few days' shooting, during which time every one will be given the same chance for a place on the team, the fifteen men having made the best average scores will be selected to represent New Mexico at the big shoot.

The men fortunate enough to get a place on this team will remain at Las Vegas for about ten days' work on the rifle range before leaving for Camp Perry, where they will arrive in time to rest a few days before the great competition will commence between the National Guard and Regular Army rifle teams from all over the United States.

Besides being furnished with everything necessary to make the trip, the men will receive the same pay they would get if they were on encampment or in active service. After the shoot the men are allowed to return home at their own pleasure and are furnished 90-day tickets good for stop-overs anywhere on the return trip.

Capt. Ilfeld states that everything connected with the range work and selection of the team is being conducted by the officers in charge, with absolute impartiality and fairness and the only reason why any member of the National Guard cannot get a place on the New Mexico rifle team will be because fifteen other guardsmen will have beaten him shooting. All members of Troop A, desiring to try for a place on the rifle team should attend the regular weekly drill and participate in target practice held every Sunday morning.

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